

Alexandra M. Bermea

Career Goal

To build a long-term career as an educator with opportunities for career growth, encourage creativity and higher-order thinking to increase student performance. Continue in keeping up with the cutting edge of teaching pedagogies.

Experience Summary

- Innovative bilingual educator with 12 years of experience in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 2nd-5th grade.
- Develop transitional bilingual and dual language curriculums.
- Strong skills in developing culturally rich and relevant learning environments.
- Dual language advisory committee for Northside Independent School District.
- Northside Independent School District New Teacher Academy Presenter 2018-Present
- National Association of Bilingual Education Conferences 2009, 2012, & 2016
- San Antonio Area of Bilingual Education presenter 2018

Education

December 2009 **University of Texas at San Antonio** **San Antonio, TX**

M.A., Bilingual Bicultural Studies, emphasis in Teacher Education

May 2004 **University of The Incarnate Word** **San Antonio, TX**

B.A., Political Science with concentration in Latin American Studies

Professional Experience

August 2017-Present **Texas A&M University-San Antonio** **San Antonio, TX**
College of Education and Human Development
Department of Educator and Leadership Preparation

Adjunct Faculty

- Applied Linguistics
- Test and Measures of Bilingual and ESL Education
- Second Language Acquisition and Literacy Development
- Multicultural and Multilingual Education.

August 2016-Present

**Northside Independent School District
Monroe May & Dr. Martha Mead Elementary School**

San Antonio, TX

Language Support Specialist

- Provide small group language support and research based reading interventions to K-5 English Learners.
- Identify, assess and review instructional methodologies appropriate for English Learners.
- Coordinate Language Proficiency Assessment Committee meetings (LPAC).
- Collaborate with Bilingual, ESL, and Special Education teachers to design highly effective teaching practices for English Learners.
- Collaborate with Academic Specialists to deliver the latest teaching strategies and district updates to school personnel.
- Provide training to teachers on Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS).
- Provide training to teachers on state assessment designated supports and accessibility features available to English Learners.
- Maintain and record EL progress in reading and English Language Development

August 2008-August 2016

**Northside Independent School District
Carl Wanke Elementary School**

San Antonio, TX

Bilingual Teacher

- Experience in teaching pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and second grade.
- Provide Spanish reading instruction, Spanish language development and English as a second language instruction to students with limited English proficiency.
- Instruct pre-k state guidelines, kindergarten and second grade TEKS in order to fulfill district and state requirements.
- Plan and use appropriate instructional learning strategies, activities, materials, and equipment that reflect the understanding of the various learning styles and needs of students.
- Collaborate with Language Support Specialist to implement Differentiated Instruction as well as SDAIE and other ESL learning strategies using SIOP based lesson plans.
- Collaborate with Special Education Teachers to modify and accommodate curriculum in full compliance of IEP's for students with special needs.
- Assess student learning using TPRI, TEJAS LEE, Pre-K Checklists and Common Assessments to plan individual, small and whole group instruction.
- Attend professional development meetings as such as LEER MAS, ESL Strategy Instruction Program, The Leader in Me, Planting Seeds for Effective Classroom Management and Dual Language and the Bilingual Brain Seminars.
- Collaborative classroom teacher for kindergarten grade level.
- ARD Interpreter
- LPAC Representative.

September 2006-August 2008

**North East Independent School District
Huebner Elementary
Special Education Instructional Assistant**

San Antonio, TX

- One to one assistant for student with special needs
- Provided accommodations and modifications of curriculum
- ARD Interpreter
- Performed other duties as assigned.

March 2005-August 2006

**University of Texas Health Science Center
Office of International Affairs
International Visitor Advisor**

San Antonio, TX

- Lead advisor to international students and scholars in the development of their acculturation to U.S. customs and UTHSC community.
- Served as liaison with various UTHSCSA departments, campus organizations, sponsoring agencies, local, and national officials.
- Served as immigration and tax advisor to international students and scholars and assisted in their adjustment to the US culture and UTHSCSA community.
- Interfaced with US Department of Homeland Security, US Department of State, Internal Revenue Services, and Department of Labor authorities in processing documents for international students and scholars.
- Maintained international students and scholars informed of visa and tax compliance matters.

Certifications and Skills

- EC-4 Generalist Standard Teacher Certification
- EC-4 Bilingual Education Supplemental Certification
- Texas Spanish Oral Language Proficiency Certification
- English, Spanish and Portuguese translator of documents
- English, Spanish and Portuguese interpreter